

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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REGINALD WILLIAMS,		:	
	Plaintiff,	:	
		:	21-CV-7929 (JMF)
-v-		:	
		:	<u>ORDER</u>
BLACKROCK, INC. et al.,		:	
	Defendants.	:	
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

On February 18, 2022, Defendants filed a partial motion to dismiss the complaint under Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Under Rule 15(a)(1)(B), a plaintiff has twenty-one (21) days after the service of a motion under Rule 12(b) to amend the complaint once as a matter of course. Because Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se*, however, the Court will give Plaintiff additional time to amend the complaint.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file any amended complaint by **April 1, 2022**. If Plaintiff believes that the pleading of additional facts will cure deficiencies identified in the motion to dismiss, the Plaintiff should include those facts in the amended complaint. Plaintiff will not be given any further opportunity to amend the complaint to address issues raised by the motion to dismiss.

If Plaintiff does amend, by three (3) weeks after the amended complaint is filed, Defendants shall: (1) file an answer; (2) file a new motion to dismiss; or (3) file a letter on ECF stating that it relies on the previously filed motion to dismiss. If Defendants file an answer or a new motion to dismiss, the Court will deny the previously filed motion to dismiss as moot.


If no amended complaint is filed, Plaintiff shall serve any opposition to the motion to dismiss by **April 1, 2022**. Defendants' reply, if any, shall be served by **April 15, 2022**.

Either party may request an extension of the briefing schedule for the motion. A deadline will be extended if the party demonstrates that its pursuit of the action has been diligent and that there is a good reason for extending the deadline.

Defendants' motion for an extension of time to answer the Counts in the Complaint that they do not move to dismiss is GRANTED. Defendants shall file an answer to the other Counts in the Complaint within fourteen days of the Court's resolution of the motion to dismiss.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2022
New York, New York



JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge